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**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
November 27, 2006
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, Peter Haviland, David Glidden, and Randy Robbins.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young and Treasurer Fred Berg

Board approved Warrant # 134

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Peter Haviland motioned, Kim Young seconded, to approve the November 13, 2006 meeting minutes as amended.

Board Approved 5-0

Changes to the Agenda

Kim Young informed the board that she had contacted State Representative Wesley Richardson in regard to the public meeting of assessors and selectmen and that he would make an effort to come to a meeting. David Glidden stated resident Peter Karonis had made a request to have the board contact our representatives and Governor Baldacci to urge them to attend the meeting. After a brief discussion, Selectman David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to have a joint public meeting of the assessors and selectmen on January 10, 2006 at 6:00.

Board Approved 5-0

The meeting will be posted at the usual places and in the paper two times. Chairman Alton Grover will contact Cushing's State Representatives and Governor Baldacci.

Old Business

Harbor Committee- Selectman Randolph Robbins reported that the committee will meet in January. Daniel Staples and Cabot Lyman are in the process of obtaining ordinances from area towns for the committee to review. Once the committee meets they will vote on a new chairman.

Joseph Yamello- A question came up as to when the vote to reinstate Mr. Yamello was taken how many actual active members were on the rescue squad. Selectman Kim Young said that there are thirteen active eligible voters although four were not present at the time the vote for Mr. Yamello was taken. She noted that if anyone wanted him to be reappointed they could contact the rescue squad.

Selectman Young informed the board that she had received 17 calls in support of Mr. Yamello. David Glidden motioned, Randolph Robbins seconded, to table any action on Joseph Yamello until further notice.

Board Approve 5-0

Ordinance Committee- Chairman of the Ordinance Committee Daniel Staples reiterated that the

decisions made by the selectmen at the November 1, 2006 Special Selectmen Meeting was highly unethical. All members should have been informed of the meeting and present. He asked permission from the selectmen to put up a notice for a week or more to see if anyone is interested in being on the committee. Jay Pratt is showing no interest in being on the committee. Dan would like to keep the committee as balanced as possible as it was when the committee first started to meet. The Selectmen approved of the posting.

Daniel Staples questioned the alternate position. After a brief discussion, it was explained that the alternate member attends all meetings but only votes if there is not enough permanent members for a quorum. Randy Robbins motioned, David Glidden seconded to approve changing the status of John Duffy's from alternate member to permanent if he so chooses.

Board Approved 5-0

New Business

Friends of Cushing Rescue Squad food sale- Kim Young motioned, David Glidden seconded, to allow the Friends of Cushing Rescue to hold a food sale during the town meeting in March.

Board Approved 5-0

Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission- Tabled until next meeting.

Joint Assessor Meeting- Discussed under changes and additions to the agenda.

Shoreland Zone amendment/legal- Selectman David Glidden informed the board that he had received a request from the joint committee of the Ordinance Committee and Planning Board, and a recommendation from MMA, that the town send the amendments to the Shoreland Zone Ordinance to the town's attorney for final review before it is presented to the residents for approval. Chairman Alton Grover asked where the money would come from. Selectman Glidden stated that the selectmen have the authority to transfer funds to meet unanticipated expenses. Alton felt it was very dangerous. Mr. Glidden reported that the town's attorney estimated that to review the ordinance it would take about three hours, but he stressed that it was only an estimate. At this time the legal department account has three hundred dollars in available funds. Frank Muddle, member of the Planning Board, stressed the importance of the review by the attorney, and questioned if the town would receive the invoice for the service in 2006. After a brief discussion, Peter Haviland motioned, Kim Young seconded, to have the town's attorney review the amendments to the Shoreland Zone Ordinance authorizing legal fees up to one thousand dollars on the matter.

Board Approved 4-1

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter at 7:15PM.

Board Approved 5-0

David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 7:33PM.

Board Approved 5-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Randolph Robbins seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E) consultations with legal counsel at 7:37PM.

Board Approved 5-0

Randolph Robbins motioned, David Glidden seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 8:02PM.

Board Approved 5-0

David Glidden motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to continue interveners' status in court expecting to pay additional legal fees on the order of fifteen to thirty thousand dollars, and expecting to recover most of the legal fees from that action and possibly some expenses from the earlier appeal.

Board Approved 4-1

Peter Haviland motioned, Kim Young seconded, with all in favor of adjourning at 8:24 PM.

Board Approved 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk